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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of five month(s) (from March 13, 2003 to August 13, 2003) extending the period for submitting a Request for Continued Application in lieu of an Appeal Brief. A check in the amount of \$2,720.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the extension fee and RCE filing fee.

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